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SIDE BY
SIDE WITH

SPIDER-MAN

REVENGE
OF THE **SINISTER SIX**
PART ONE



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OKAY, CUDDLES,
TAKE IT EASY!

I REALIZE YOU'RE
PROBABLY ALL BROKEN
UP ABOUT TWIN PEAKS
GETTING CANCELED--
HECK, SO AM I.

BUT YOU DON'T SEE
ME DESTROYING
SHOPPING CENTERS
AND HURTING
INNOCENT PEOPLE.

TRY NOT TO GET
SO CAUGHT UP THIS
VIEWING SEASON--
NOT THAT IT SHOULD
BE THAT MUCH OF A
PROBLEM, HAVING
SEEN THE NEW FALL
LINEUP.

DIDN'T YOUR PARENTS
WARN YOU THAT WATCHING
TOO MUCH T.V. WOULD
LEAD TO THIS SORT
OF THING?

MARTIN--? OH
DEAR LORD... HOW
COULD THIS HAPPEN?
THEY'RE ANIMALS...
THEY WANT US DEAD.

BOOM POW!
TACOS

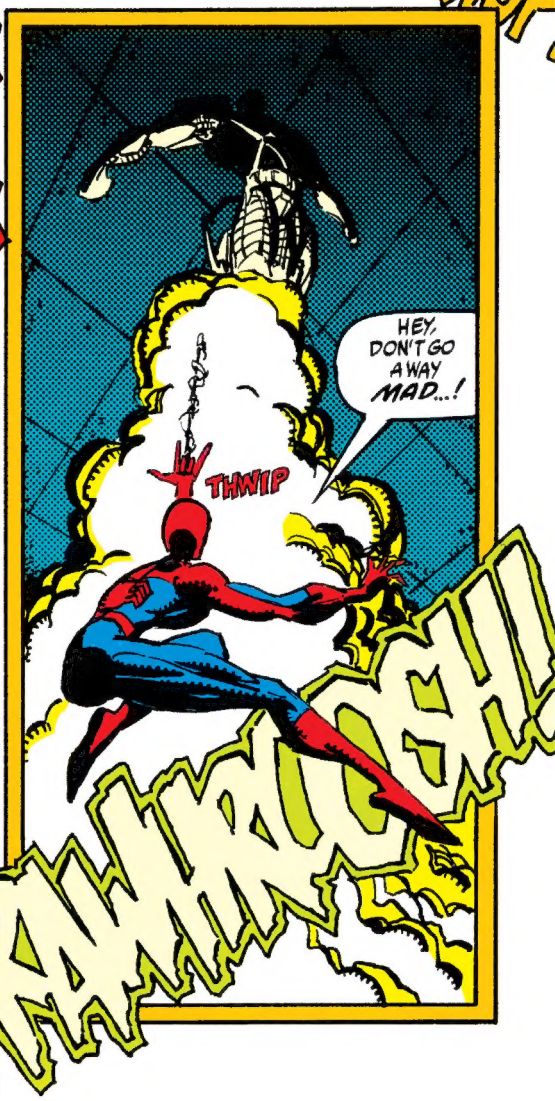
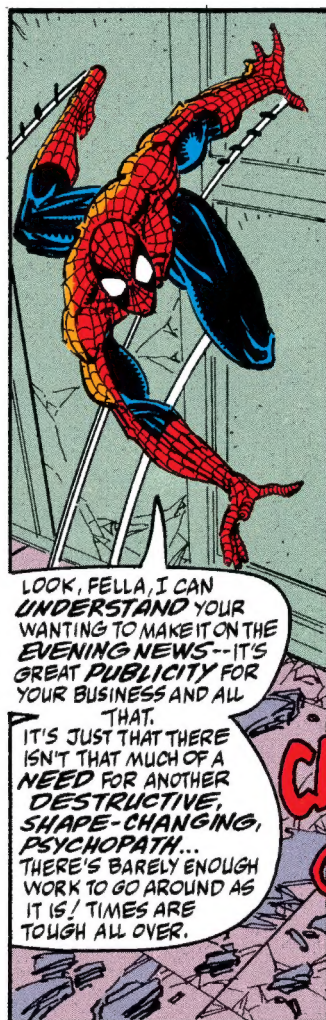
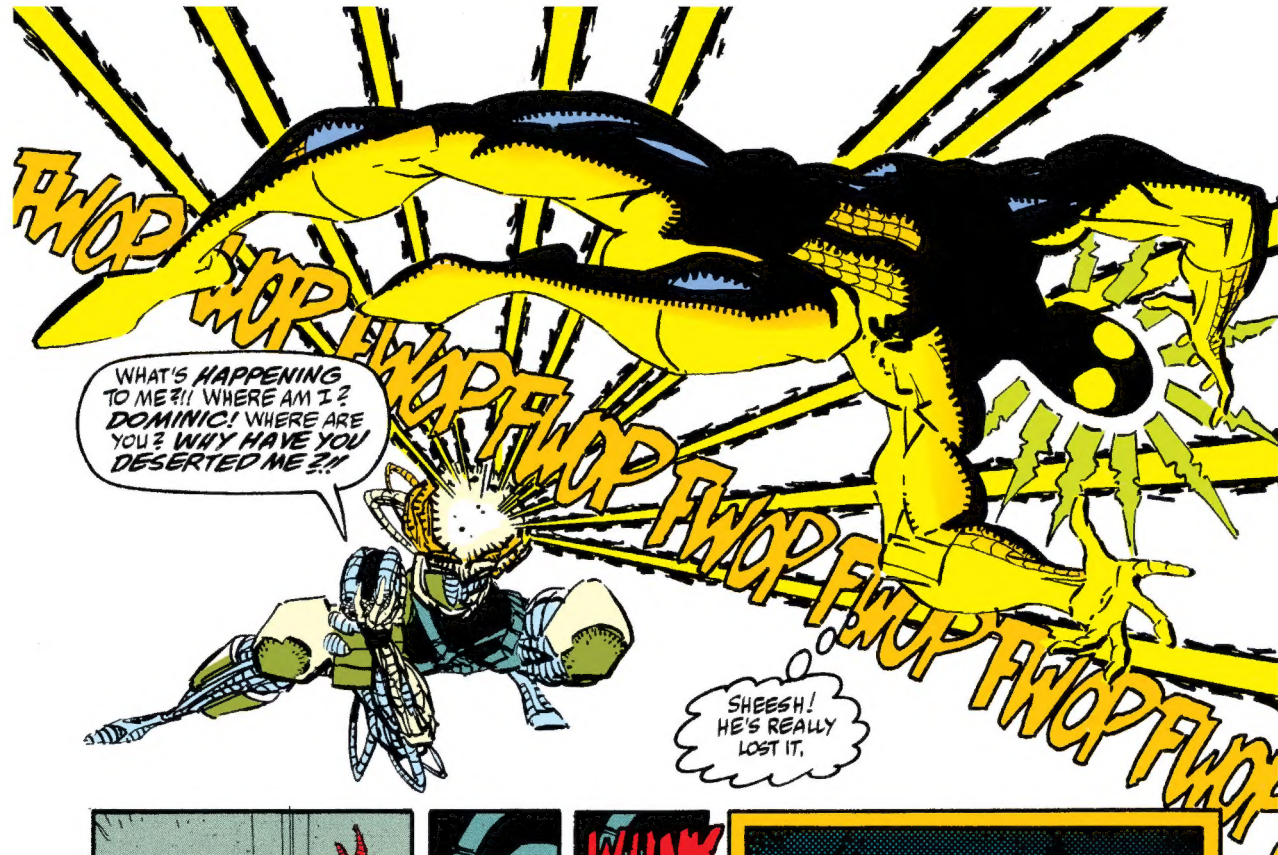
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FOOD WITH
A PUNCH

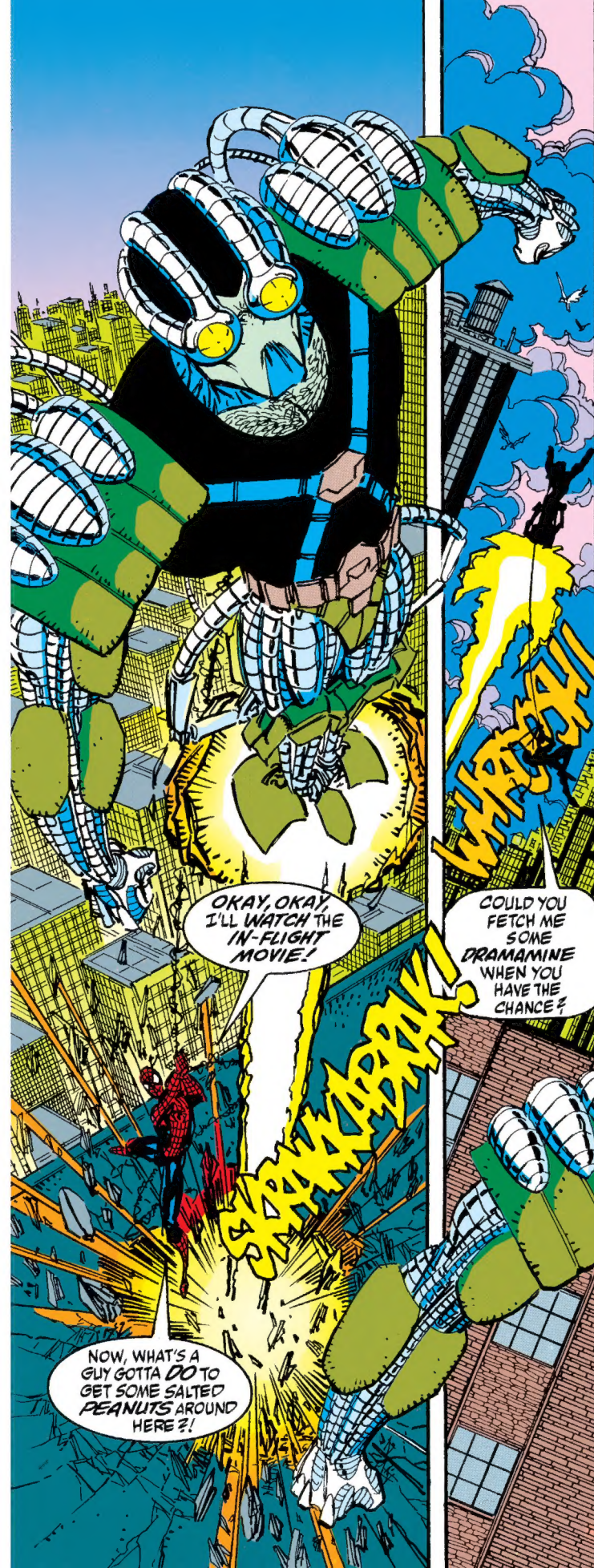
ENTER
HERE

STAND ASIDE, SPIDER-MAN.
HIS HEINOUS DEEDS MUST BE
PUNISHED. HE MUST *PAY*
FOR ALL OF THE *INNOCENT*
BLOOD THAT HE HAS *SPILLED*.

IN CHOOSING THE PATH OF
EVIL HE MUST NOW FACE
THE SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE!

SO MUCH PAIN.
LIKE NOTHING I'VE
EVER FELT BEFO--
MY LEGS, I CAN'T
FEEL MY LEGS!



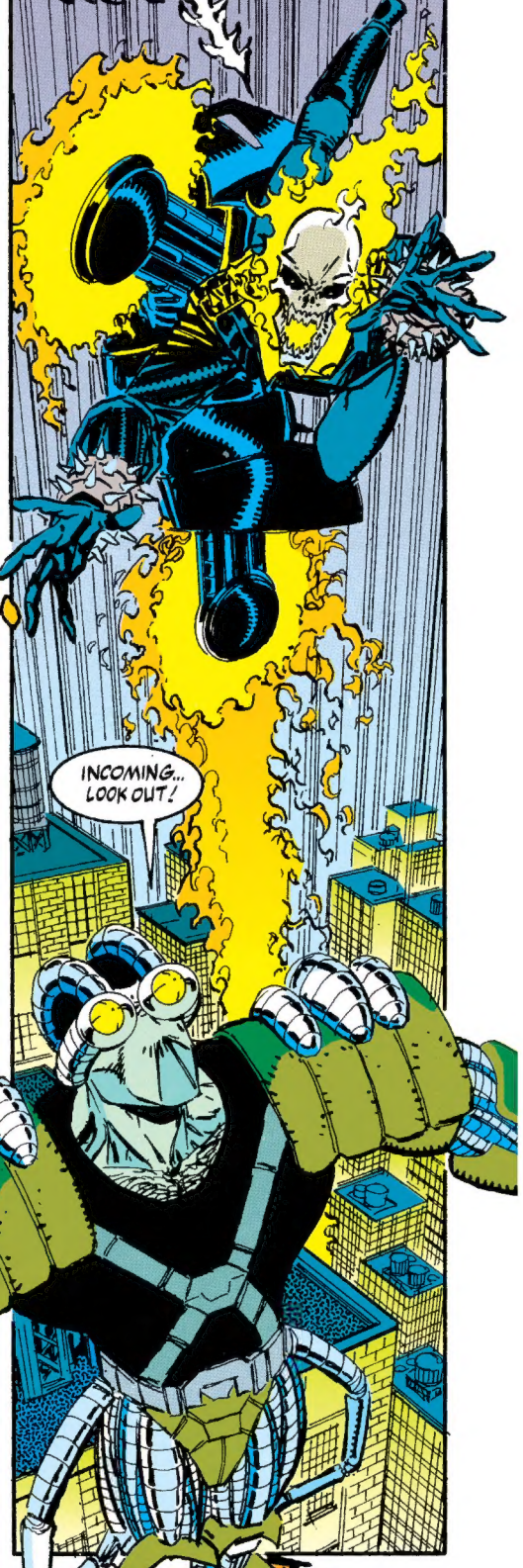


OKAY, OKAY,
I'LL WATCH THE
IN-FLIGHT
MOVIE!

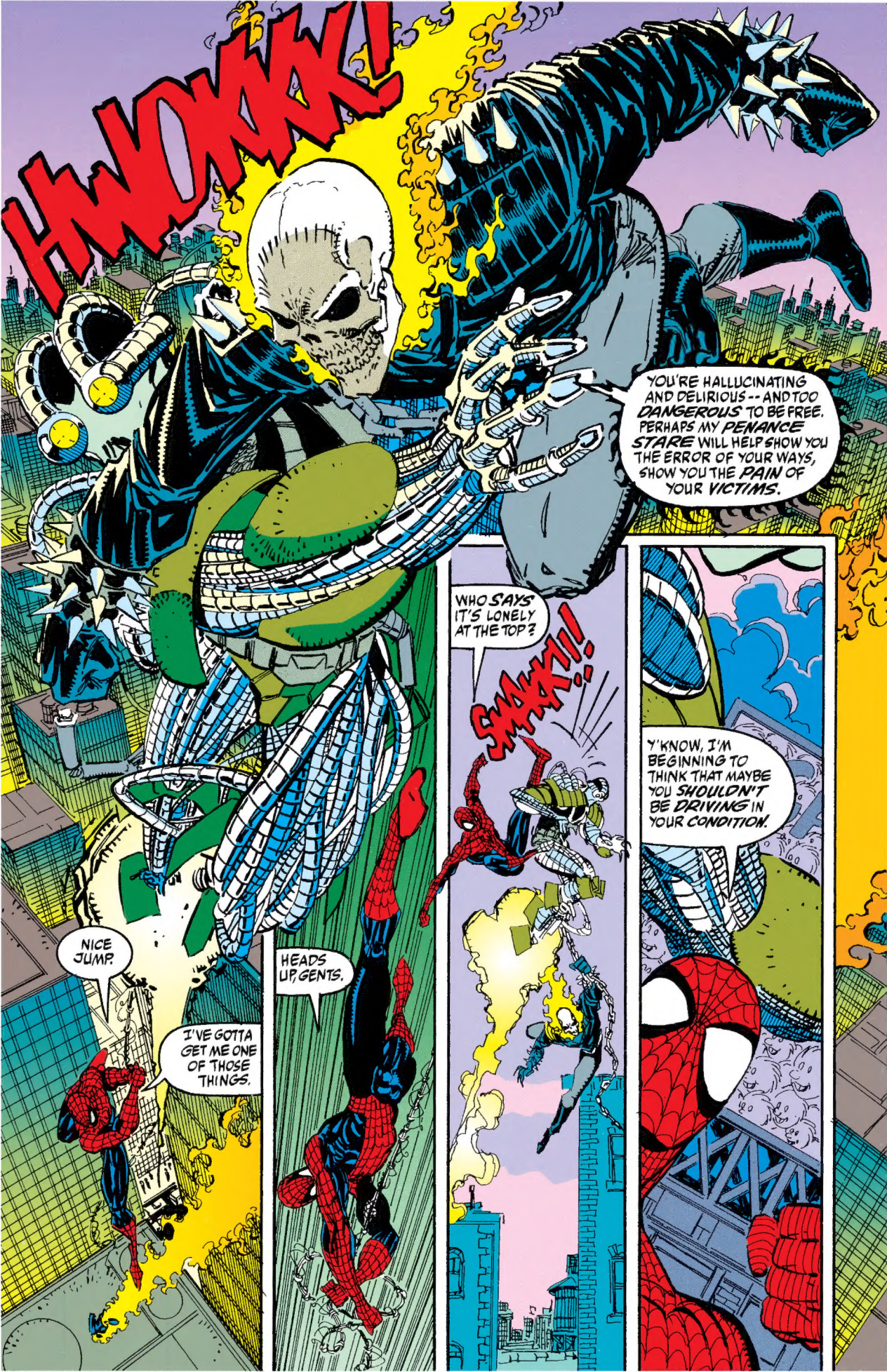
COULD YOU
FETCH ME
SOME
DRAMAMINE
WHEN YOU
HAVE THE
CHANCE?

NOW, WHAT'S A
GUY GOTTA DO
TO
GET SOME SALTED
PEANUTS AROUND
HERE?!

I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO KILL
AGAIN, MADMAN. I WILL STOP YOU
AND MAKE YOU FEEL THE PAIN
YOU SO BLINDLY INFLECT ON
OTHERS.



INCOMING...
LOOK OUT!



HWOAK!

YOU'RE HALLUCINATING
AND DELIRIOUS -- AND TOO
DANGEROUS TO BE FREE.
PERHAPS MY *PENANCE*
STARE WILL HELP SHOW YOU
THE ERROR OF YOUR WAYS,
SHOW YOU THE *PAIN* OF
YOUR VICTIMS.

WHO SAYS
IT'S LONELY
AT THE TOP?

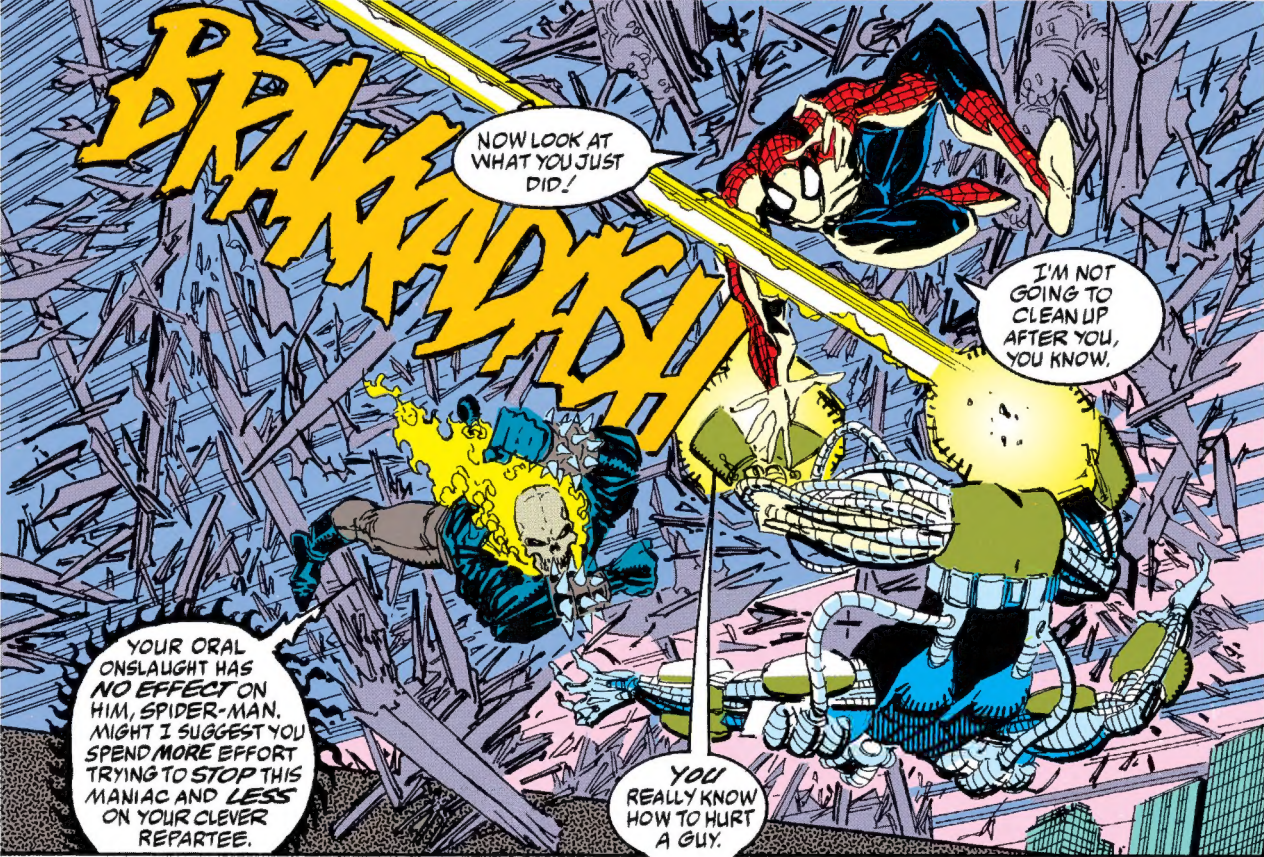
SHAK!!

Y'KNOW, I'M
BEGINNING TO
THINK THAT MAYBE
YOU *SHOULDN'T*
BE DRIVING IN
YOUR CONDITION.

NICE
JUMP.

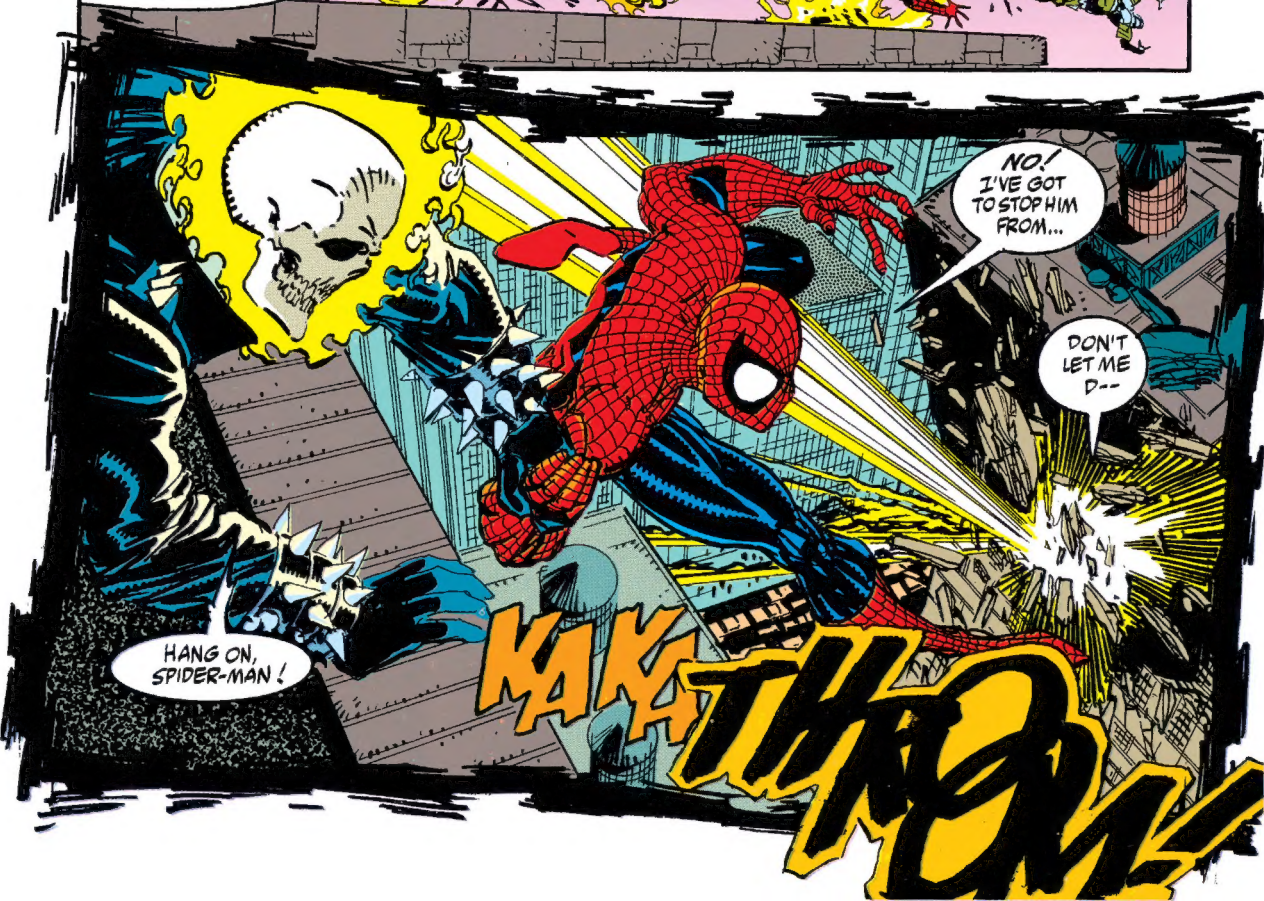
HEADS
UP, GENTS.

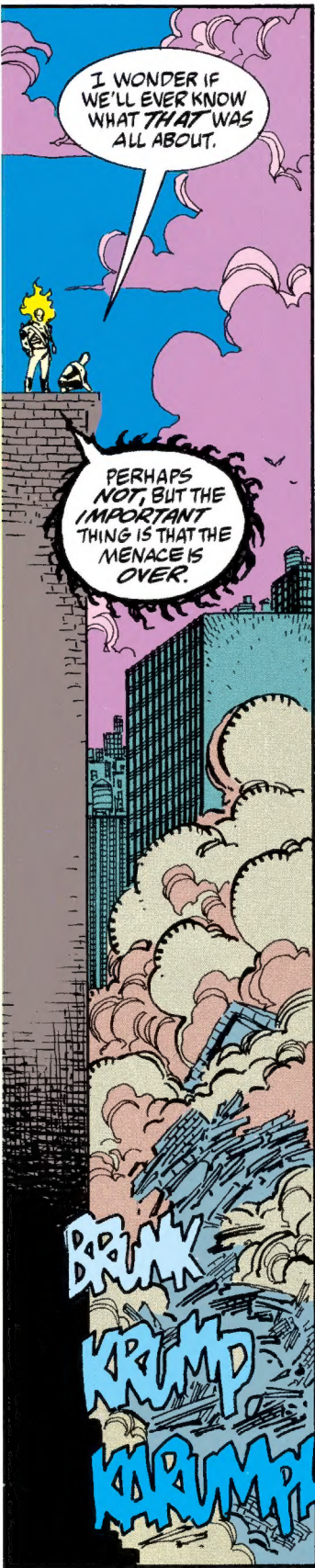
I'VE GOTTA
GET ME ONE
OF THOSE
THINGS.



HECK, GHOST TOASTIES, THIS'S FOR YOUR...OUCHÉ BENEFIT, TOO-- I'M TRYING TO GET YOU TO...toofé... LIGHTEN UP! YOU SOUND LIKE A BROKEN...owch; RECORD, YOU BIG STIFF!

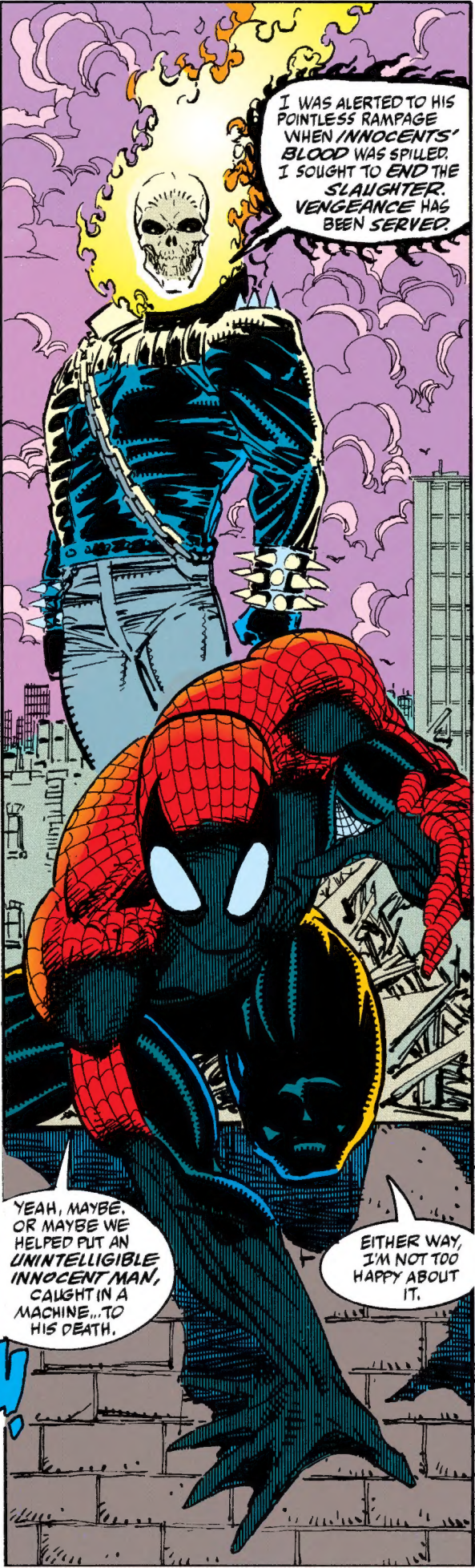
HELP ME...DON'T... DON'T LEAVE ME... NOT DEAD YET...





I WONDER IF WE'LL EVER KNOW WHAT *THAT* WAS ALL ABOUT.

PERHAPS NOT, BUT THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT THE MENACE IS OVER.



I WAS ALERTED TO HIS POINTLESS RAMPAGE WHEN *INNOCENTS'* BLOOD WAS SPILLED. I SOUGHT TO END THE SLAUGHTER. VENGEANCE HAS BEEN SERVED.

YEAH, MAYBE. OR MAYBE WE HELPED PUT AN UNINTELLIGIBLE INNOCENT MAN, CAUGHT IN A MACHINE... TO HIS DEATH.

EITHER WAY, I'M NOT TOO HAPPY ABOUT IT.



DROP YOU OFF AT YOUR BIKE?

YES.

THEN I'M CALLING S.H.I.E.L.D. TO COME GET HIS BODY.

DOM... DOMINIC, IS THAT YOU--?

*STRATEGIC HAZARD INTERVENTION ESPIONAGE AND LOGISTIC DIRECTORATE.
-- DANNY

THAT'S WHERE THE CASADAS LIVE...
WHERE I USED TO BOARD BEFORE
MRS. CASADA AND THE REST OF
THE WORLD FOUND OUT I WAS THE
SANDMAN.

DOCTOR OCTOPUS THREATENED
TO KILL THEM IF I DIDN'T FOLLOW
HIS ORDERS AND JOIN UP WITH HIS
GROUP, THE SINISTER SIX.

WELL, I ENDED UP BETRAYING*
HIM, SO I LIKE TO CHECK IN ON
THEM FROM TIME TO TIME TO
MAKE SURE THEY'RE OKAY.



OCK CAN BE A
VERY DANGEROUS
MAN.



* SEE AMAZING
SPIDER-MAN#S
334-339. -DANNY



YOU MONSTER--YOU
ANIMAL--!
HOW COULD YOU DO
IT? THEY WERE
NOTHING TO YOU--
NOTHING.

TURNING MY
BODY TO GLASS
WASN'T ENOUGH
FOR YOU? YOU
HAVE NOTHING TO
GAIN FROM THIS!

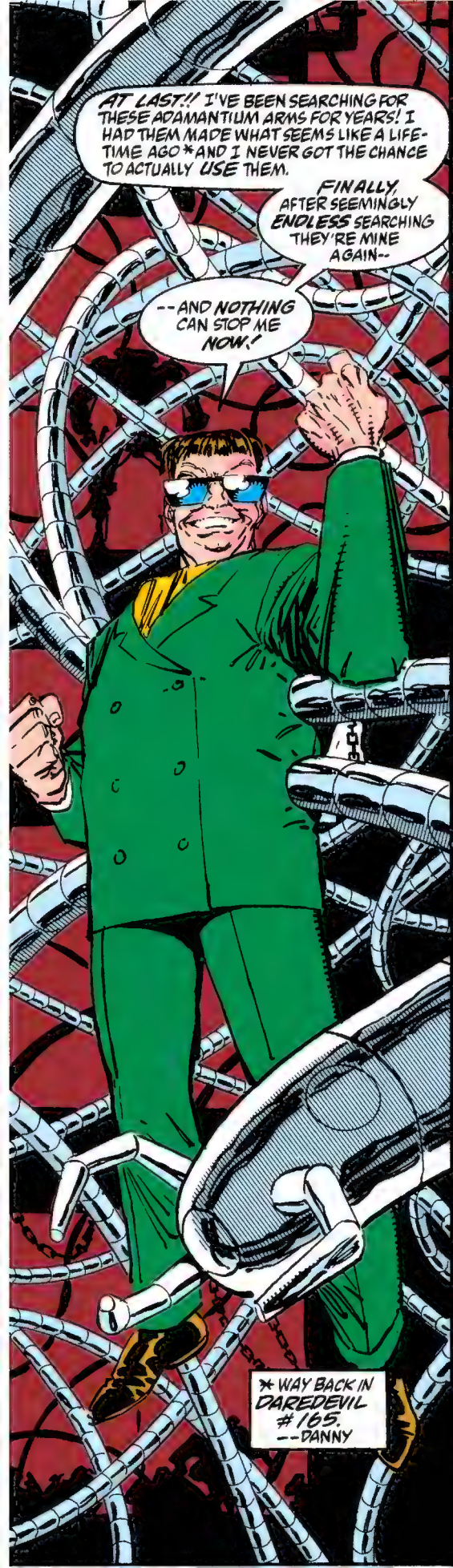
NOTHING.

MAYBE YOU
DID GET ONE
THING OUT OF
THIS-- YOU'VE
GOT ME MAD,
MAD ENOUGH
TO COME AFTER
YOU.

BEWARE, OCK!
YOU'VE GOT THE
SANDMAN
HATING YOUR
GUTS!

IT'S TIME THAT
SOMEONE TEACHES
YOU A THING OR TWO
ABOUT **FEAR.**

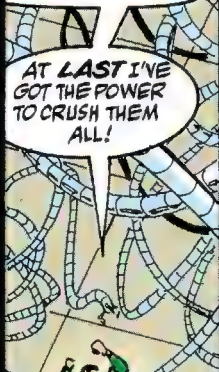
I'M COMING FOR
YOU, OCTOPUS--
AND I WON'T STOP
UNTIL YOU'RE
DEAD!!

A large panel showing Doctor Octopus in his green suit and blue goggles, standing amidst a complex web of silver adamantium arms. He is smiling and looking up at the arms.

AT LAST!! I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR THESE ADAMANTIUM ARMS FOR YEARS! I HAD THEM MADE WHAT SEEMS LIKE A LIFE-TIME AGO *AND I NEVER GOT THE CHANCE TO ACTUALLY USE THEM.

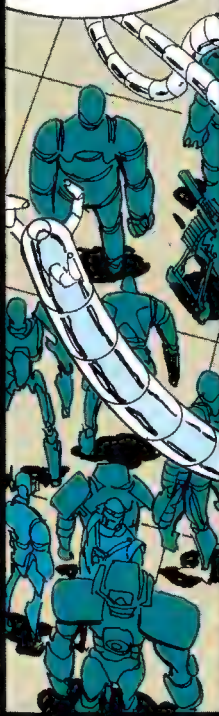
FINALLY, AFTER SEEMINGLY ENDLESS SEARCHING THEY'RE MINE AGAIN--

--AND NOTHING CAN STOP ME NOW!

A smaller panel showing Doctor Octopus from a distance, standing in the center of his lair, surrounded by the adamantium arms.

DAREDEVIL, CAPTAIN AMERICA, MR. FANTASTIC AND ESPECIALLY SPIDER-MAN-- THEY'LL ALL FALL BEFORE ME! I'VE GOT THE POWER TO CRUSH THEM ALL!

AT LAST I'VE GOT THE POWER TO CRUSH THEM ALL!

A panel showing Doctor Octopus standing at the head of a large army of his mechanical minions, all facing towards the right side of the panel.

AT LAST-- DOCTOR OCTOPUS WILL BE TRIUMPHANT!

* WAY BACK IN DAREDEVIL #165.
--DANNY

A close-up of a man's face, likely Mr. Fantastico, looking slightly to the side with a neutral expression.

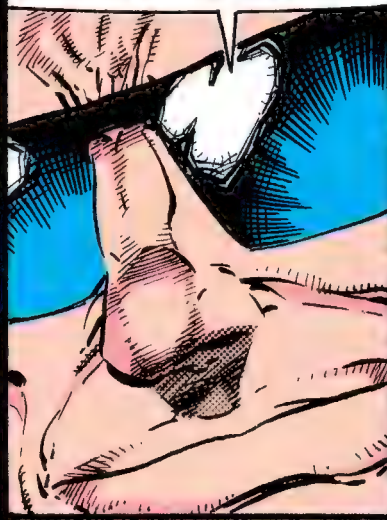
I TAKE IT YOU'RE PLEASED WITH MY LITTLE ACQUISITIONS?

A panel showing Mr. Fantastico, an older man with white hair, wearing a blue suit and looking towards Doctor Octopus.

QUITE.

THEN THERE'S A CERTAIN MATTER OF PAYMENT--

YOU'LL GET YOUR MONEY, OLD MAN, JUST AS SOON AS I OBTAIN IT.

A close-up of Doctor Octopus's face, showing his blue goggles and a determined, slightly menacing expression.

PATIENCE IS NOT ONE OF MY VIRTUES. AND I DON'T LOAN THINGS OUT ON "SPEC"--IT'S JUST NOT GOOD BUSINESS.


A panel showing Mr. Fantastico from the chest up, looking directly at Doctor Octopus with a serious expression.

I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO INSIST ON MY PROPERTY'S RETURN UNTIL YOU CAN PROCURE SAID FUNDS.



FAIR
ENOUGH.

TAKE
THEM.



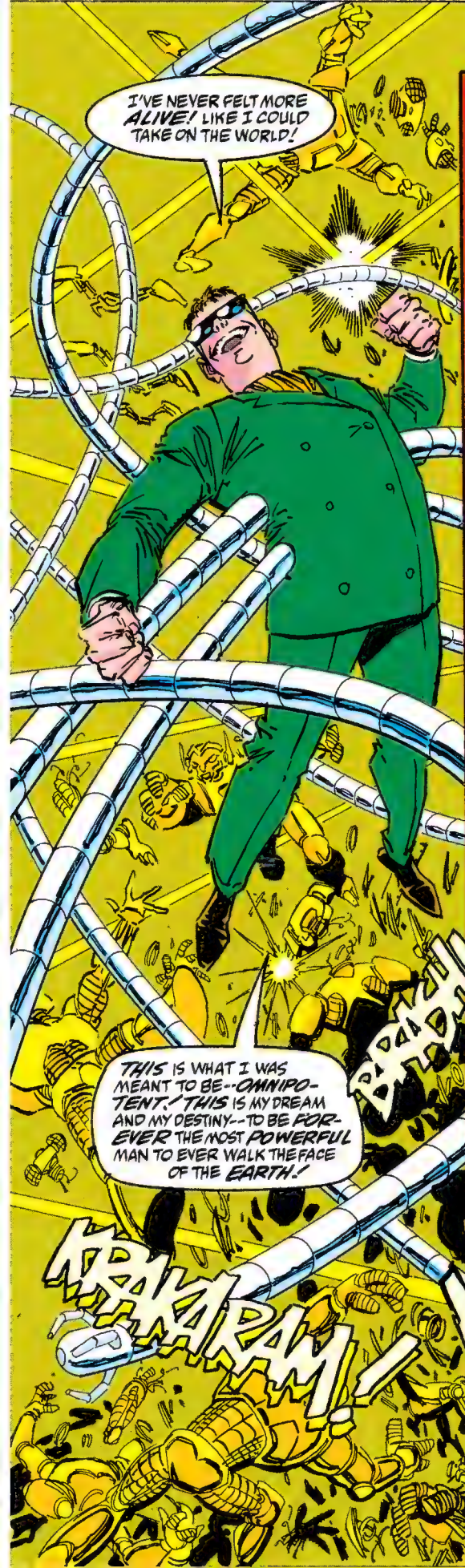
AH, GOOD. A
BACK-UP
SECURITY
SYSTEM.
MORE ROBOTS
FOR ME TO
DESTROY!

I CAN TEST MY NEW-FOUND
POSSESSIONS.




HA HA
HA HA HA!

COME AND
GET ME!



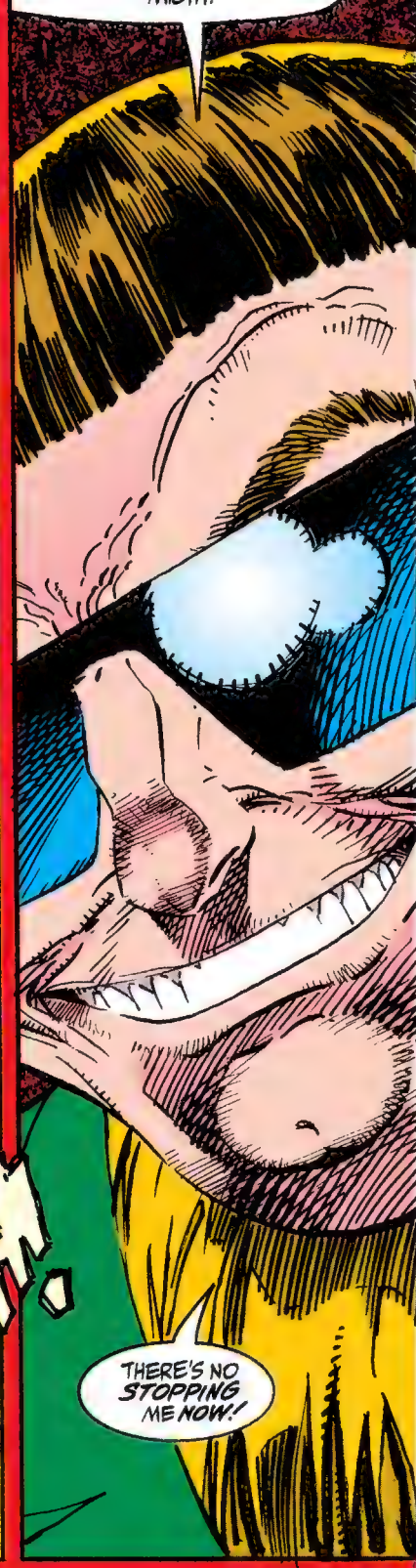
I'VE NEVER FELT MORE ALIVE! LIKE I COULD TAKE ON THE WORLD!



LOOK OUT, WORLD...

THERE'S BEEN A WHOLE NEW DOCTOR OCTOPUS BORN HERE TODAY. ONE THAT HAS THE POWER TO BE THE MASTER OF YOU ALL!

THIS IS WHAT I WAS MEANT TO BE--OMNIPOTENT. THIS IS MY DREAM AND MY DESTINY--TO BE FOREVER THE MOST POWERFUL MAN TO EVER WALK THE FACE OF THE EARTH!



WITH THESE ARMS IN MY HANDS, I CAN CRUSH ANY FOE, EVEN GODS LIKE THOR OR BRUTES LIKE THE HULK WILL FALL TO MY NEWFOUND MIGHT.

THERE'S NO STOPPING ME NOW!



WELL...

...THAT WAS FUN.

I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY THEY WORK. I NEED **MORE**. MY PLANS REQUIRE MORE THAN THE ADDITION OF TWO PAIRS OF INDESTRUCTIBLE ARMS.

TRUE, I'M THE MOST POWERFUL I'VE EVER BEEN--BUT IT'S NOT **ENOUGH**.

I'LL NEED **MEN**, PEOPLE UNDER ME THAT I CAN COMMAND-- POWERFUL PEOPLE. I CAN UNEQUIVOCALLY ASSUME THAT THERE'S **NOBODY** I CAN TRUST. BUT PERHAPS THERE ARE SOME I CAN **HOLD**, MANIPULATE TO DO MY BIDDING.



AND IF I'M GOING TO LEAD A REVOLT I'LL NEED WEAPONS.

WITH THE OLD MAN OUT OF THE WAY I'VE GOT FULL ACCESS TO ALL OF HIS ACCUMULATIONS. I MUST HAVE **MORE**.

IT WILL TAKE A GREAT DEAL OF FIREPOWER TO REALIZE MY OBJECTIVE.

MY GOALS ARE AMBITIOUS. IT'S TIME THAT THEY BECAME **REALITY**. SOON, THE WORLD WILL BE **MINE**.

PETER, I JUST GOT OFF THE PHONE WITH MY AGENT. I'M THE LEADING CANDIDATE FOR A STARRING ROLE IN THE NEXT ARNOLD SCHWARZENHEIMER MOVIE!

YEAH, APPARENTLY THE DIRECTOR WANTS ME FOR THE PART IN A BIG WAY AND, IF YOU CAN BELIEVE IT, ARNOLD'S A BIG FAN OF THE SOAP THAT I ACT ON.

COOL.

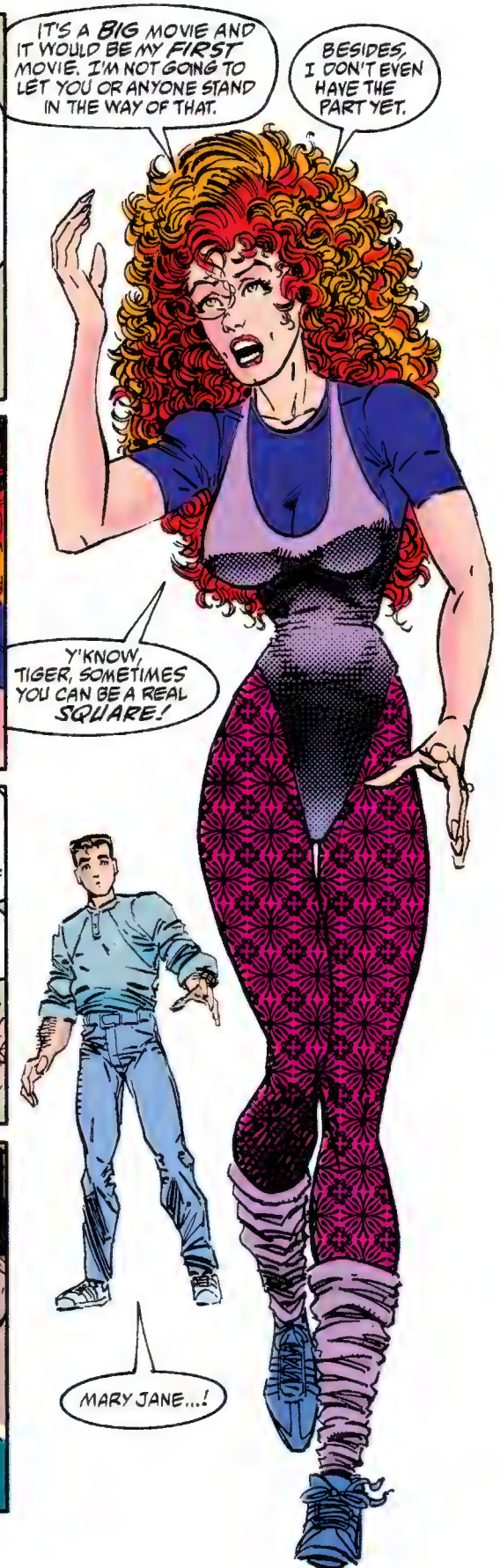
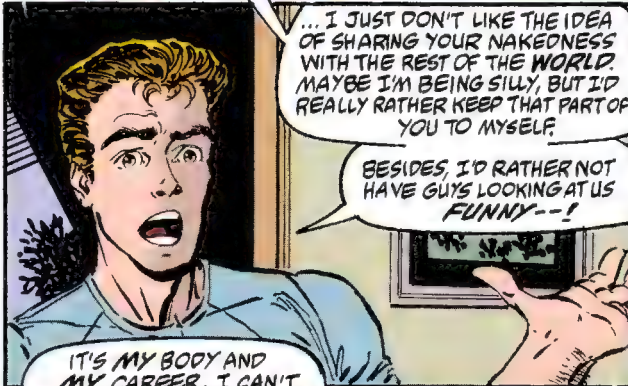
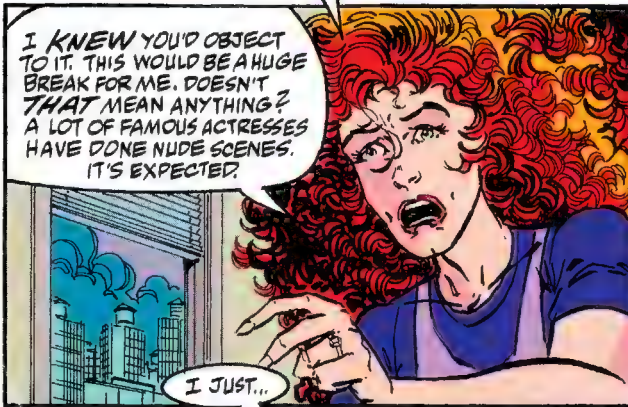
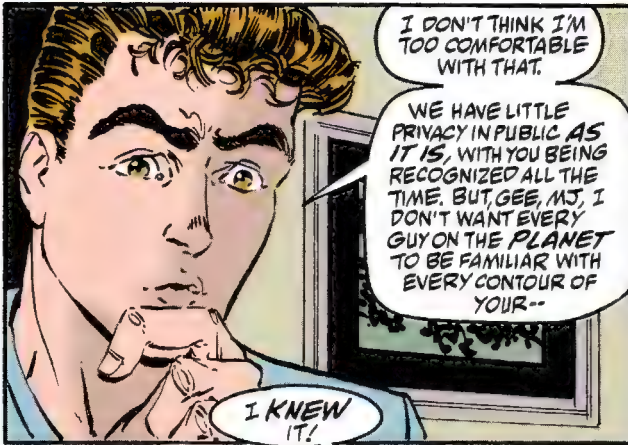
YOU KNOW I LOVE A GOOD SCHWARZENHEIMER FLICK.

OH, UH... THERE IS ONE THING I DIDN'T MENTION.

I'D BE PLAYING A... LADY OF THE NIGHT... AND THERE WOULD BE SOME NUDE SCENES INVOLVED WITH ME, THAT IS.

WOW! REALLY?

oh.



WELCOME
BACK,
SANDMAN.

YES.

I'M HAPPY YOU COULD
JOIN US, FRIEND. WE'VE
COME TOGETHER AGAIN WITH
A COMMON GOAL--TO **ELI**
MINATE DOCTOR OCTOPUS. HE
BETRAYED US, AND NOW
WE'LL MAKE HIM PAY.

I DON'T **CARE** ABOUT
YOUR REASONS FOR WANT-
ING REVENGE. YOU'RE
CRIMINALS AND
I'VE GONE STRAIGHT. I
ONLY CARE ABOUT BRING-
ING HIM TO **JUSTICE**
FOR WHAT HE DID TO
THE CASADAS--



--AND RIGHT NOW YOU GUYS
SEEM LIKE THE BEST BET FOR
ACHIEVING THAT GOAL.



YOU'LL
GET YOUR
REVENGE,
SANDMAN,
AS SHALL WE
ALL.

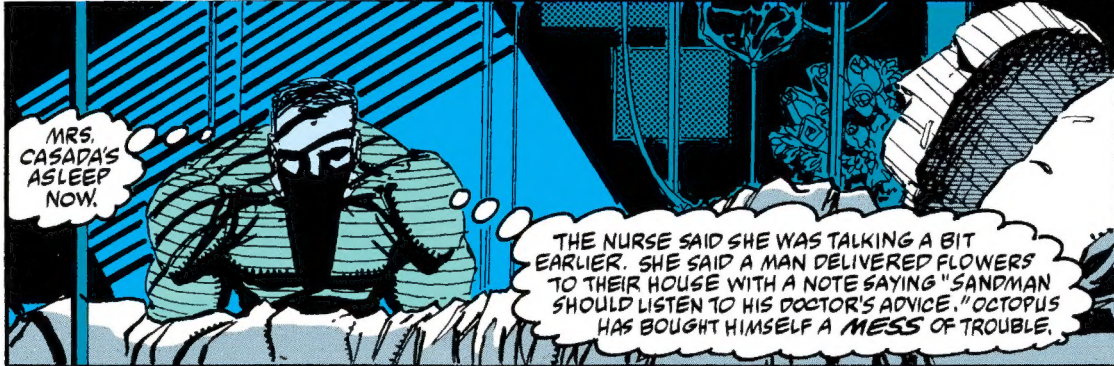
I'M GOING TO THE HOSPITAL
TO PAY A VISIT, BUT I'LL BE
BACK. **COUNT** ON IT.



THAT WORKED OUT
RATHER NICELY,
DIDN'T IT?

NOT AS
NICELY AS
YOU MIGHT
THINK,
"PARTNER."





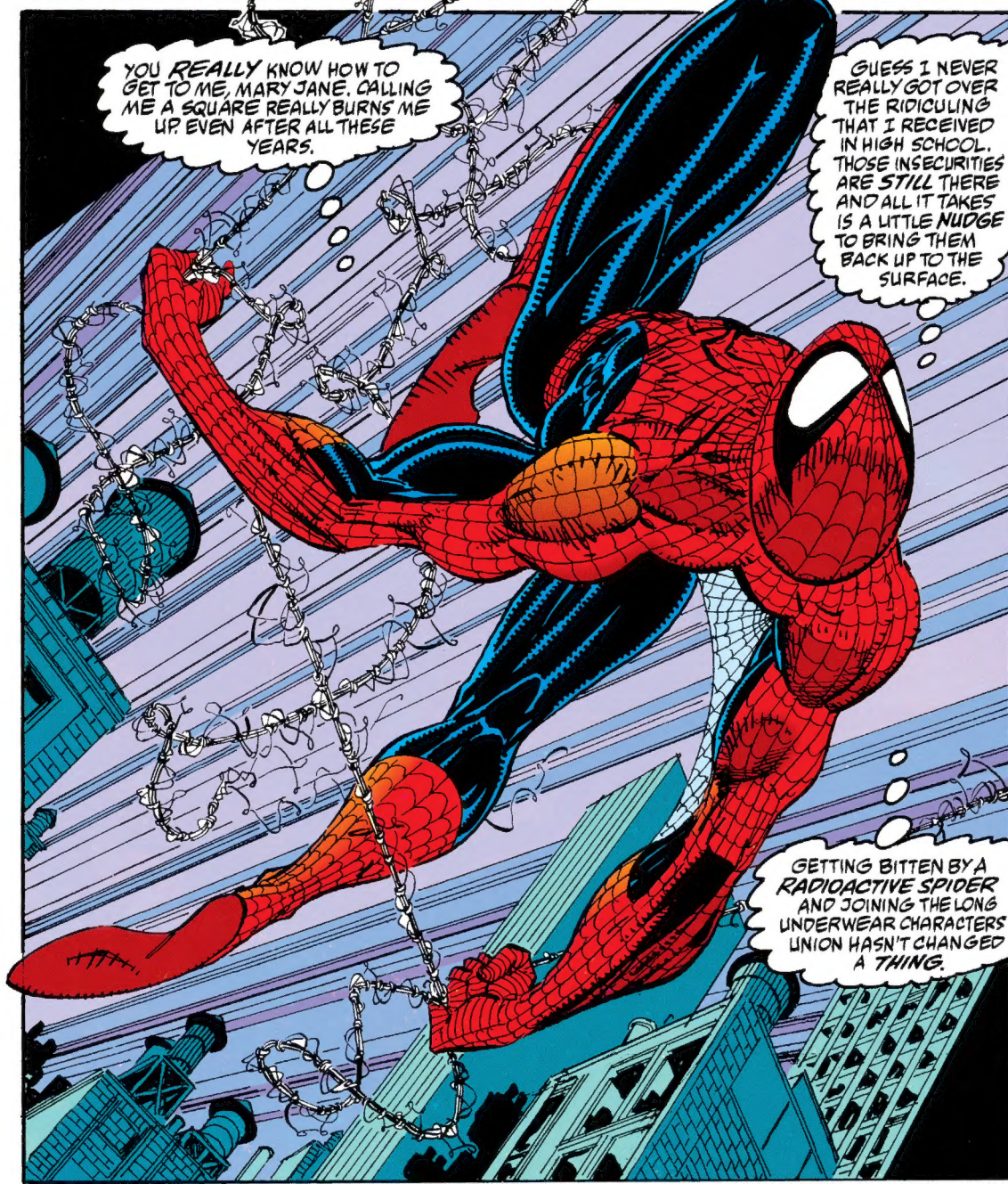
MRS. CASADA'S ASLEEP NOW.

THE NURSE SAID SHE WAS TALKING A BIT EARLIER. SHE SAID A MAN DELIVERED FLOWERS TO THEIR HOUSE WITH A NOTE SAYING "SANDMAN SHOULD LISTEN TO HIS DOCTOR'S ADVICE." OCTOPUS HAS BOUGHT HIMSELF A MESS OF TROUBLE.



BUT I DON'T TRUST THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SINISTER SIX.

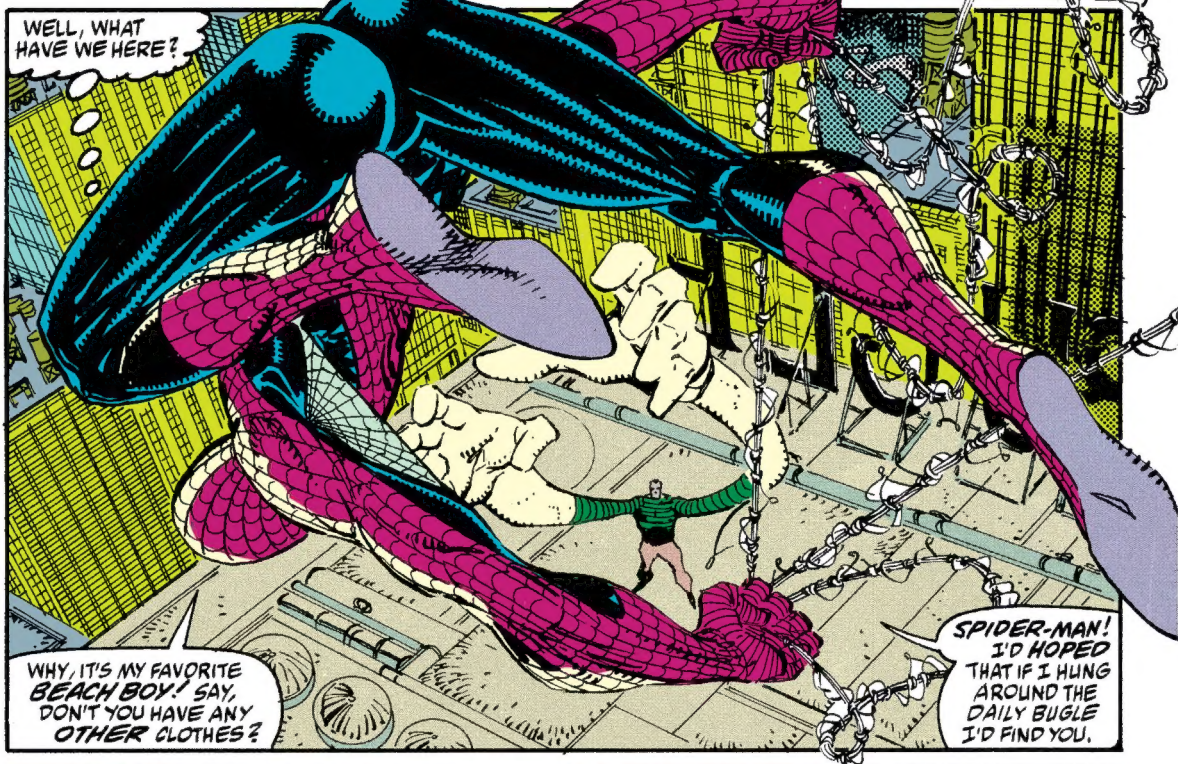
THINK I'LL GET MYSELF A BACK-UP MAN-- JUST IN CASE THINGS DON'T GO AS SMOOTHLY AS MY "PALS" SEEM TO THINK THEY WILL.



YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO GET TO ME, MARY JANE. CALLING ME A SQUARE REALLY BURNS ME UP. EVEN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS.

GUESS I NEVER REALLY GOT OVER THE RIDICULING THAT I RECEIVED IN HIGH SCHOOL. THOSE INSECURITIES ARE STILL THERE AND ALL IT TAKES IS A LITTLE NUDGE TO BRING THEM BACK UP TO THE SURFACE.

GETTING BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER AND JOINING THE LONG UNDERWEAR CHARACTERS' UNION HASN'T CHANGED A THING.



WELL, WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

WHY, IT'S MY FAVORITE BEACH BOY! SAY, DON'T YOU HAVE ANY OTHER CLOTHES?

SPIDER-MAN! I'D HOPED THAT IF I HUNG AROUND THE DAILY BUGLE I'D FIND YOU.



I WASN'T LOST.

I NEED YOUR HELP.



MEMBERS OF THE SINISTER SIX WHO DOCTOR OCTOPUS BETRAYED ARE TEAMING UP TO TAKE HIM DOWN. I'D LIKE YOU TO TAG ALONG AND MAKE SURE THEY DON'T DOUBT CROSS ME.



I CAN UNDERSTAND THOSE SPANDEX-CLAD SIMPLETONS GOING IN FOR THAT KIND OF TOMFOOLERY, BUT WHAT DID ROY ORBISON'S EVIL TWIN DO TO GET YOU SO RILED UP?



OK HURT MY FRIENDS-- AND I'M GOING TO SEE THAT HE PAYS.



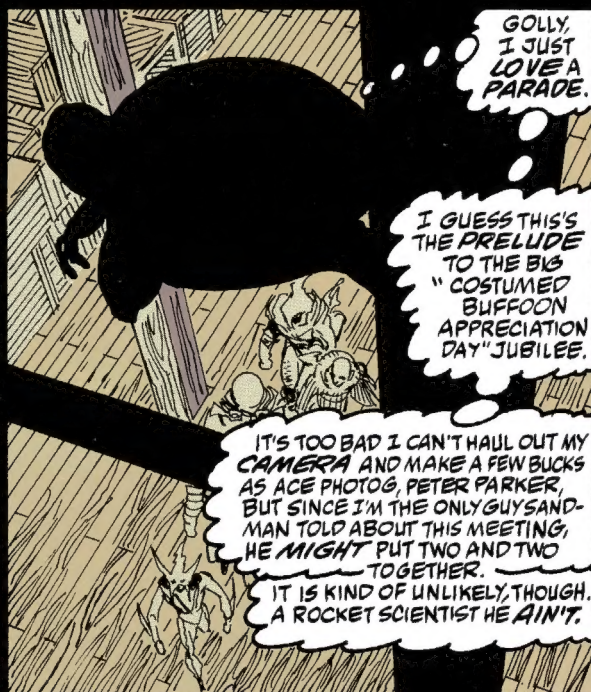
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THE PLACE?

THIS IS IT, ALL RIGHT.



I PRACTICALLY KILLED A GUY TO GET THIS INFORMATION.

WE'LL SURPRISE 'IM ALL AT ONCE! HE'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT HIT 'IM!



GOLLY, I JUST LOVE A PARADE.

I GUESS THIS'S THE PRELUDE TO THE BIG "COSTUMED BUFFOON APPRECIATION DAY" JUBILEE.

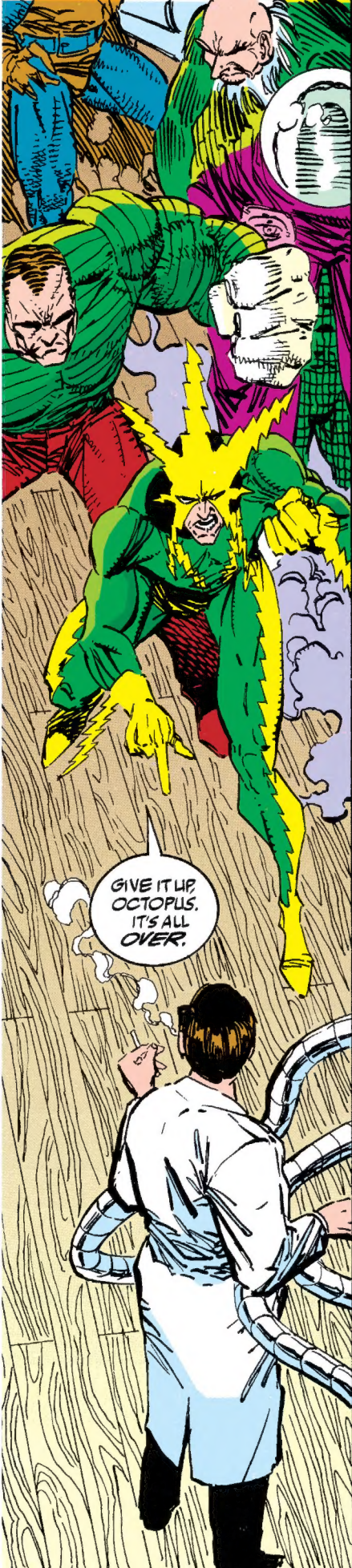
IT'S TOO BAD I CAN'T HAUL OUT MY CAMERA AND MAKE A FEW BUCKS AS ACE PHOTOS, PETER PARKER, BUT SINCE I'M THE ONLY GUYSAND-MAN TOLD ABOUT THIS MEETING, HE MIGHT PUT TWO AND TWO TOGETHER. IT IS KIND OF UNLIKELY, THOUGH. A ROCKET SCIENTIST HE AIN'T.



WELCOME TO MY HUMBLE ABODE. I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU.

HAVE ANY TROUBLE PARKING?

OOPS.



FUNNY.
THAT'S JUST
WHAT I WAS
GOING TO SAY
TO YOU!



Next
BIG TROUBLE!
FEATURING SURPRISE
GUEST ★ STARS
GALORE!★